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1. CU/AF CAN SYMPATHIZE WITH POST DIFFICULTIES IN FACE OF CAMEROONIAN INTRANSIGENCE ON TRANSLATION STUDENT ISSUE (NOTE: GURC DROPPED INTERPRETATION REQUIREMENT IN 1975). HOWEVER, WE FEEL THAT NOW IS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE TO GURC THAT CULTURAL EXCHANGE IS PARTICIPATORY TWO-WAY STREET, AND THAT ANY EXCHANGE PROGRAM INVOLVING THE TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD BE BASED ON MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF SITUATION OF BOTH PARTIES.

2. BECAUSE CU FUNDS ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED, THE EXPENSIVE STUDENT PROGRAM HAS BEEN REFOCUSED ON INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT WITH THE GREATESTMULTIPLIER ADVANTAGE. TRANSLATOR STUDENT GRANTS ARE, PLAINLY AND SIMPLY, TRAINING. THE PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE CERTIFICATES, RATHER THAN DEGREES, AND IN MOST SITUATIONS CAN ASPIRE ONLY TO LOWER-LEVEL TECHNICAL CAREERS IN THE DEGREE-ORIENTED, FRANCOPHONE

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CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM. THE STUDENTS THEMSELVES HAVE BEEN

UNHAPPY WITH THIS ARRANGEMENT, AND BY CONTRAST THE FORMER STUDENT WHO IS NOW A PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR WAS NOT AN

INTERPRETATION/TRANSLATION STUDENT, AND RETURNED WITH A MARKETABLE M.A. TRANSLATORS SERVE NEITHER CU INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT/"INFLUENTIAL INTERPRETER OF U.S." OBJECTIVES, NOR DO THEY APPEAR TO PROVIDE THE LONG-TERM MULTIPLIER EFFECT NEEDED TO MEET THE GURC GOAL OF BILINGUAL COMPETENCE FOR EVERY EDUCATED CAMEROONIAN.

3. THE CASE FOR TRANSLATION STUDENTS MAY BE MOOTED, HOWEVER, AS IT APPEARS THAT GURC HAS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN TO MEET THIS TECHNICAL NEED BY SPONSORING AT LEAST THREE CAMEROONIANS AT GEORGETOWN ON ITS OWN.

4. CU/AF FULLY SUPPORTS A STUDENT PROGRAM FOR CAMEROON. HOWEVER, WE THINK THAT IT SHOULD BE UPGRADED AND THAT THE POST SHOULD HAVE A GREATER INFLUENCE. PRESENTLY, GURC SELECTS THE STUDENTS, SOME OF WHOM HAVE NOT BEEN QUALIFIED (INDEED, WHEN INTERPRETATION CERTIFICATION WAS REQUIRED, TWO EVEN ARRIVED WITH SPEECH DEFECTS) AND ONCE REINTERPRETED A POST DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF USG FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR STUDENTS WHO COULDN'T COMPLETE ON TIME.

5. IF EMBASSY YAOUNDE FINDS THAT IS ALLOCATION CAN SUPPORT TWO GRADUATE STUDENTS (AND SUBSEQUENT RENEWALS), WE WELCOME THE NOMINATION OF OUTSTANDING PRACTICING MEMBERS OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS OR OTHER PROMISING CANDIDATES WHO WOULD RETURN TO GUARANTEE; POSITIONS OF HIGHER RESPONSIBILITY ON COMPLETION OF AN ADVANCED DEGREE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE (PREVIOUSLY SUGGESTED) PHD STUDENT IN INTERPRETATION/TRANSLATION CURRICULUM DESIGN AND INSTRUCTION TECHNIQUE SHOULD MEET BOTH CU AND GURC CRITERIA BECAUSE BY THE TIME THE STUDENT RECEIVES A PHD (USUALLY THREE YEARS) THE INTERPRETATION/TRANSLATION INSTITUTE SHOULD BE IN FINAL STAGES OF ORGANIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT, OR JUST COMMENCING OPERATION. CAMEROON'S BILINGUALISM GOAL COULD BE SUPPORTED BY NOMINATING INDIVIDUALS SPECIALIZING IN TEFL CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT. IN ANY CASE, HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXPECT GURC TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION AND MAINTAIN THE PROPER MALE/FEMALE QUOTA ORIGINALLY CONCORDED IN THE KENNEDY-AHIDJO AGREEMENT. KISSINGER

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